

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **JULY 17, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump (Absent)
Collin Stephens
David Howe
Cory Darling
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Joel McCarroll
Harold Anderson
Erik Huffman
Michael Toney
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Guests

Bill Padgham
Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Kent Garliepp
Sami Fournier
Casey Bergh

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made. The group welcomed CDD representative Colin Stevens
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for a vote on the minutes for May 15, 2012 a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. None given.
- 4) **Public Comments:** Mike Lovely announced that on July 23 traffic will be rerouted for construction of the Brookwood Powers Roundabout.
- 5) **Crash and Volume Data Management Update**

Mr. Arnis explained the status of the Arterial Collector Traffic Safety Project and how the team is using the data collected to understand the cause and effect of the highest crash locations. He introduced Robin Lewis to give an update on the progress of the team. Robin reported that they are now in the Network Screening phase of the project, then they will proceed to Diagnosis. In this phase they are identifying sites and doing some field work in focused areas:

- Fatal Accidents
- Roadway Departures

- Alcohol Related Crashes
- Speed Related Crashes
- Bike and pedestrian Crashes

Ms. Lewis went on to say the crashes were screened using a weighted ranking system of Crash Frequency, Equivalent Property Damage Only, and Relative Severity Index and classified as either signalized or un-signalized intersections. Joel McCarroll explained that once a particular remedy was determined at a crash site it might be possible to use that scenario system wide.

At this time the team has pulled out the top nine sites for fixes. They have focus areas set up but have not set up the goals yet, this will help determine the number of resources needed and the resources available by grants.

The group discussed an example of protected left turn movements(green arrow) vs. flashing yellow, Joel McCarroll notes that the success lies in the volume of the intersection as to whether or not the flashing yellow works better than protected phase.

Mr. Arnis notes that we also have to rank and prioritize and then see what we can afford, some of the changes can be small but effective, and others will be really big projects. We are one of the first or second cities in the state to take this kind of approach. Mr. Bergh noted that each year we will have more data to find better solutions.

Robin Lewis reported that the group is on track to complete the next phase of ranking and diagnosis. She would like to see this slide show on the City Web site.

6) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items

Captain, Cory Darling notes no report at this time.

7) Information Items

Joel McCarroll reports that green bike lanes have been approved for 8th Street at US Hwy 20, and for 3rd and Mt. Washington, but as of this date have not been installed yet.

Nick Arnis reported that GO Bond roundabout projects have started and that Brookwood/Powers Roundabout will begin on Monday. Reed Market road will be done in phases with the Senior Center to 27th Street happening first that phase is at about 30% design. There will be an open house the first week of August for that project. They are looking at a multi-lane roundabout at Reed and 15th Street. 9th Street still remains un-signalized but with pedestrian crossings with a ped activated Rapid Flashing Beacon (RFB). The current plan calls for a signal at American Lane with the street being widened to four lanes at that point. Some details are still to be decided, north and south of the rail road track could be a possible quiet zone, and the canal bridge will be bid next summer to be constructed when the canal is empty.

Mr. Arnis is hoping to work with the Neighborhood Chairs with the CSR's involving traffic issues. He feels some are just not valid anymore. He wants to meet with the sub-committee on this issue.

Murphy Road Crossing is half way through design and will be cut into two phases with one being the sewer line and two being building the road. Since the project is almost 4 million dollars over budget, breaking it in half will give us a better idea of the real cost.

The Traffic Signal Efficiency Project to improve timing and coordinate signals has been started, signal heads and software is being installed. We should see a reduction in travel time on the 27th Street corridor.

Bear Creek sidewalk has had some areas where right of way had to be purchased, not all of the right of way was intact when it came to us from the county. The project has been bid and will be built this summer. Westridge will also be built this summer in partnership with the school district. Jim Gattey asked what the neighborhood response to that connection was. Mr. Arnis agreed that the neighborhood was at first worried about cut-through traffic and speed but when the City sent a reply the neighborhood has not responded. In response to the question of a fence being built there Robin Lewis noted that more people asked for it to be left open than wanted a fence built.

Items for next month agenda:

None given.

Robin Lewis to give an update

Information items:

Murphy Road

G O BOND update on-going

Police Information Update

Adjourn 9:25 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 8:15 AM, City Hall Council Chambers.